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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present response is respectfully requested.

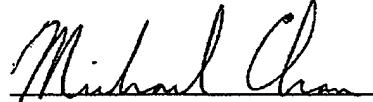
This response responds to the Communication of July 5, 2006 from the U.S. Patent Office.

The Communication suggests that Applicant's appeal brief of April 12, 2006 is defective because claim 27 has not been twice rejected. In this regard however, Applicant would like to point out that independent claim 27 is just simply dependent claim 12 rewritten in independent form. Note that the subject matter of claim 27 (which was added in Applicant's amendment of October 5, 2005) is the same as the subject matter of claim 12 (which was amended in Applicant's amendment of June 7, 2004). Note further that claim 12 was canceled in Applicant's amendment of October 5, 2005 when claim 27 was added. Note also that claim 12 from Applicant's amendment of June 7, 2004 has been twice rejected, once in the Office Action made final of September 21, 2004 and then again in the Office Action of May 5, 2005. Thus, Applicant's appeal brief of April 12, 2006 is not defective.

Applicant would like to make of record a telephone discussion on July 18, 2006 between the Examiner, Stefanos Karmis, and Applicant's attorney, Michael Chan, in which the Communication of July 5, 2006 was discussed. It was understood that the subject matter of claim 27 is the same as the subject matter of claim 12 rewritten in independent form.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that Applicant's appeal brief of April 12, 2006 is not defective. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider Applicant's appeal brief of April 12, 2006 and respond accordingly.

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